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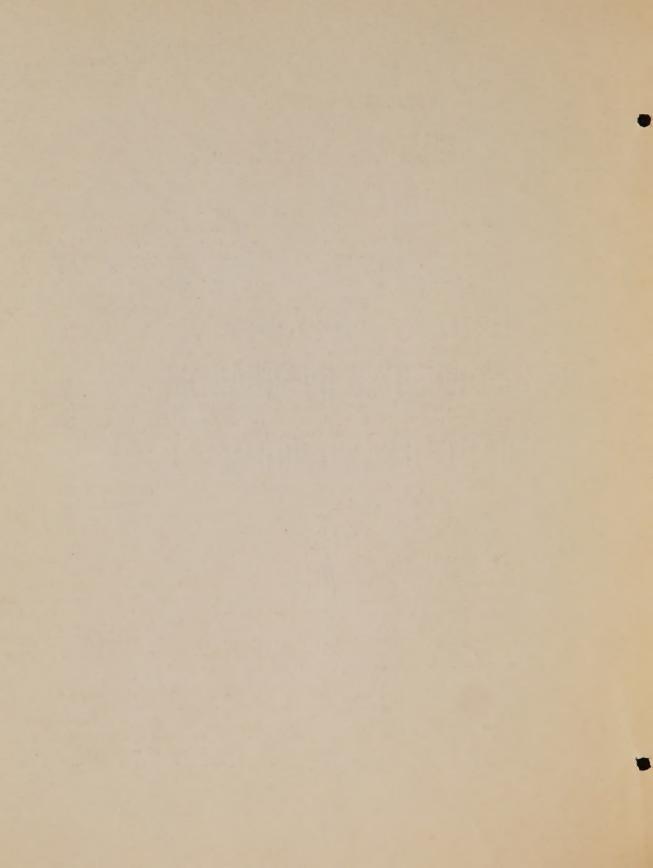


"Clean-Up" Deal

Statement of Messrs. Clarkson and Guilfoyle before Commission on August 18, 1922.







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The valuation of the Power plants was made on the basis of \$12.00 horsepower. I think this \$12 basis was set on the basis of Chippawa power costing about \$12.00. I think the combined figures came to \$26,000,000 on that basis. I feel now it is most unlikely that there will be \$12 or \$14 power from Chippawa for some time. My opinion at the time was that \$12 was too low a price to connect with the cost of Chippawa and that we would have a higher cost to sustain for some time. It was my own opinion. Then later on they came down and we were instructed to work it out on the basis of \$14 power, and this came out to \$30,700,000, of which \$4,460,000 was the physical valuation of the Steam Plant and the Radial lines. The Electrical Development and the Toronto Electric Light were the other two elements.

We started negotiations. McKenzie wanted \$45,000,000; then he came down to \$38,000,000; then \$35,000,000. Finally I told McKenzie I would not recommend over \$28,000,000 and he came down to \$34,000,000, then they struck \$32,000,000. That is how the price was arrived at. Now in that price of \$32,000,000 there are these factors:

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Second - we will probably save two or three million dollars in the redemption of the \$13,000,000 of 42% debentures.

CHAIRMAN: How can you save this money?

A: The debentures are sterling debentures payable in England and I think they are around 90 today

CHAIRMAN: They went up following the negotiations.

A: I do not think you can attribute that rise largely to these negotiations although of course it has something to do with it, but I should say 1/3 of the increase is due to negotiations and 2/3 to the improvement of the of money.

I think they were about 68 when the negotiations were on and are about 90 now. There were 5,000 holders in England.

J.A. ROSS: Before anything could be done they had to go out and get those bonds in?

A: No. There was a sinking fund of \$500,000 a year for the redemption of these bonds.

CHAIRMAN: Are any of them redeemed annually?

A: \$500,000 are redeemed annually. This amount is paid into a sinking fund which can either be invested by the trustees or they can advertise that they have this amount of money which they are prepared to pay out in the redemption of debentures if they can get a fair price, and those who want to sell notify the trustees and the trustees buy at the lowest scale until the fund is absorbed. Sometimes they go on the exchange and buy, but if they cannot get them there they have two options: either they can invest the money or they can call for the redemption of these bonds by lot. In the case of the Toronto Power Co. they have redeemed at 105. They have probably made \$200,000 in the redemption of T.E.L. bonds since the negotiations were on.

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A: The bonds outstanding are part of the purchase price of \$32,000,000, and the bonds assumed are as follows:

\$4,335,000 due 1933 - Elect. Development Co- 5% 13,500,000 4½% maturing 1941 - T.P. Co.
4,100,000 T.P. bonds maturing 1924 - 5% 850,000 notes T.E.L. 1921 - 6% approx\$22,800,000

This debt is paid by the assumption of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, 5% and 6% securities. The average rate is $4\frac{3}{2}\%$ (only a small amount of 6% securities).

The difference between \$32,700,000 and \$22,800,000-- or approx \$10,000,000- was covered as follows:

\$2,375,000 of 6% Bonds of H.E.P.C. supported by the City of Toronto, for the Radials.
619,000 of 6% straight Hydro debentures guaranteed by the Province

6.900,000 6% City of Toronto debentures Approx. 9,900,000

The purchase price of the Power Company, the Electrical Development Co. and the Toronto & Niagara Power Co. was paid by -

\$23,000,000 assumption of outstanding securities and 619,000 by Hydro Debentures.

That is Beck's part.

Now the City of Toronto pays -

\$6,900,000 in 6% Debentures -- to cover T.E.L. and city portions radials.

800,000 notes of T.E.L. assumed 2,375,000 for the Radials - bonds deposited

with H.E.P.C.

Of the \$6,900,000, \$585,000 is for the Metropolitan section on Yonge Street up to Farnham Ave., and the sections of the Mimico and Scarboro lines taken over by the City of Toronto for the T.T.C.

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Mr. Haney: So that the Hydro gets the Electrical Development plant, Canadian Niagara Power. Co. (Transmission line) and the Toronto steam plant (value \$950,000 including the real estate)?

Mr. R.A. Ross. I valued that and the real estate is of greater value than the steam plant. The plant is in fair shape. It is a valuable property.

Mr. Clarkson explained that while Toronto had given bonds covering all radial lines outside the City limits it is so arranged that any of the municipalities through which the lines pass may come into the agreement as partners whenever they wish.

Mr. R.A. Ross inquired as to the use of the words "Bond" and "Debenture"

Mr. Clarkson explained that there was no difference. "I always use 'Debentures' in speaking of the Hydro securities because a debenture is a floating charge, nothing but a promissory note; they are not secured on anything. I don't think any security issued by the Hydro is entitled to be called a 'Bond'".

At the price paid by the Hydro for the Electrical Development and the Power Company, taken on the basis of Hydro prices, the earnings should be sufficient to maintain that plant, pay interest on the purchase price and amortize the purchase price in 40 years, and over the last two years the revenue was approximately \$290,000 more than was sufficient to do so in that period.

CHAIRMAN:

Did you investigate the machinery?

A:

No, we did do this: off the price we had set on the amortized basis we deducted \$1,000,000 which the Hydro engineers said was 0.K. on a physical examination, as an amount that might have to be spent to bring it up to an efficient basis. It was entirely outside of our realm. I fancy Gaby could tell you about that.

Mr. Harris: You have dealt with the Electrical Development on its own footing?

A: Idid this: I took the amount of power they generated and applied Hydro rates to it to determine what it would produce. We deducted expenses of the Power Company in operation, scaling them down to the extent of certain savings we would make by the amalgamation of the operations and that brought us certain net revenue. Then we applied that, so much was deducted for interest on

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bonds outstanding and the purchase price at 41%, 5% and 6%..... That worked out to the figure I have given.

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Mr. R.A.Ross inquired what was intended to be done with the T.E.L. to make a uniform thing of it as it is 60-cycle power. They have a lot of stuff outside the normal equipment of an electrical development. They could of course run it as a separate institution and take all the increase on their own Hydro system.

The Chairman inquired whether the T.T.C. would take charge of those radials which the Hydro has bought. Mr. Clarkson explained that the T.T.C. operated those portions within the City limits only and nothing outside.

The City has given their bonds but will not run these lines. They have given collateral bonds. These \$2,300,000 in bonds underlie the Hydro bonds guaranteed by the Province. If the County of York, for instance, came into the partnership by paying their pertien, a similar amount of Toronto's bonds would be released.

The Chairman asked about the assumption of the deficits, if any. Mr. Clarkson explained that the City is responsible. There is a provision in the Act which says that the Hydro Commission can make a demand on the City of Toronto to pay the deficit, and if the City does not do it then the Hydro can sell part of those bonds to meet the deficit and the City must replenish the bonds.

MR. HANEY: The bonds are for capital account and for operations?

A: They are bonds for deficits and capital repayment.
Sinking fund is taken in as part of operating costs.

MR. HANEY: Well, the Hydro are involved in this only as operators of the portions outside the City?

CHAIRMAN:

It is vested in them as trustees and they have issued bonds to cover all these and the City of Toronto had issued equivalent bonds. But about the profits?

The City is entitled to the profits.

MR. HARRIS: Is that the same as the Guelph Radial?

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MR. HARRIS: Why could not the T.T.C. have operated those

That idea was advanced once or twice and it was combatted very seriously by the Hodro (and I am not so sure-- by the City); anyway it was eventually agreed to between the City and the Hydro in this way.

R.A.ROSS: Flexibility was what they were after.

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Mr. Clarkson called attention to the fact that the County of York had been to see the Premier to get a Bill put through to empower them to buy the Metropolitan if the City dropped out. He could not say whether the roads were making money as he was not allowed to examine their accounts. "We will make an audit in the course of this clean-up but we cannot tell yet. We know pretty well that the Metropolitan was making money, and that the Lake Shore was breaking even." Mr. Clarkson stated that he recalled at a Council meeting that Beck told the Council they might have to pay deficits as they were losing propositions.

CHAIRMAN: They could not get the parts inside the City if they did not take the outside portions as well. But how about expropriating?

A: That would have been dangerous and very serious.

Supposing they had not bought the Electrical Development. The Electrical Development had a line of customers some of whom are tied up under longterm contracts, at fixed prices:

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Now, I take it if they had not gone into the purchase the Electrical Davelopment Co. would have met them in competition with the increased cost of Chippawa.

Mr. Clarkson said he felt safe in saying that the Toronto Power Co. could have remained in business and made a profit as opposed to the Hydro.

But back of the whole thing in my mind, was the necessity and advisability of securing that water situation for the Chippawa Canal.

- CHAIRMAN:

 But under those circumstances it would be cheaper to close it down than it would be to close down the Ontario Power Co. and turn its water into the Chippawa canal.
- A:

 The Electrical Development and the Toronto
 Nisgara Power and the Toronto Power Co. have to
 remain in business. It is just like the Ontario Power
 Co.
- MR. HARRIS: But the acquiring of these two plants gets away from the scheme of the Hydro of "power at cost".

 These contracts are not made at cost.
- A: The Hydro must sell power to the municipalities at cost but it is not the same in selling to private consumers. It can make a contract with the companies to sell at any price.
- Mr. Harris:

 Hydro to do is to go up to Nipigon and buy the

 Kaministiquia Power Co:
- A: First of all, a change in the policy of the Hydro was made on the purchase of the O.P.Co. That was done by the Commission (they say so anyway) in order to get further supplies of power.
- R.A. ROSS-- In that case the question of water comes in theoretically. The change took place when the O.P.Co. was bought and this is merely a furtherance of that policy.
- MR. HARRIS:

 Is it not a fact that the Hydro must have an absolute monopoly of the power where they are operating to make a success because their power costs more than their competitors?
- A: I would not say that.
- MR. HARRIS: They were buying power from the O.P. Co. at \$9.

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A. The reason was that the Ontario Power Co. got themselves into a mess and got to a point where they could not get money. They had to get a contract for further advances. They were in difficulties and that is when they came to the Hydro and offered to sell power at \$9.

> It was suggested that the O.P. Co. were forced to sell.

CHAIRMAN: Supposing no question of water had arisen and it was fairly certain that the Hydro would be able to get enough water for Chippawa without drawing it away from the Electrical Development, would you have recommended the purchase?

Now you come down to the question of public policy. You had in this Province for the last 15 years a feud between McKenzigand the public had come to the state of mind where they wanted McKenzie out of the way anyway. I think that was absolutely strong enough. The sentimental situation was strong enough to advise the purchase, even though there would be no financial returns, to get them out of the way. The City also wanted the T.E.L. cleaned up and could buy it at a favorable price.

As for the Electrical Development there was first of all the water situation. Second, from a financial standpoint it looked as though it were possible to purchase on a basis where it would pay, then on the other hand the Hydro was putting it out of business and wrecking the enterprise and it was wellfor the Government to protect the Government's finances. You had it either soing or coming.

The Toronto Railway Co's franchise expired in 1921; Chippawa was not complete and they had said "We will not sell you any more power."

MR. HANEY: When did the contract to supply the T.R.Co. expires

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प्रश्नं अर्थ That was from Toronto's standpoint? CHAIRMAN:

MR. GUILFOYLE: The last two years the Hydro had bought from the Electrical Development from 30,000 to 40,000 h.p. which they were told time and time again would not be sold. With the negotiations going on the Hydro have purchased this power, and they needed it while Chippawa was being jot ready. There would have been a real power shortage in the last two years without the power taken from this Electrical Development. The price, I believe, was \$15. And the Hydro are still buying from the Canadian Niagara 50,000. That was the limit they could get.

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they could get.

CHAIRMAN: You think, Mr. Clarkson, that from the Hydro standpoint that was justified and it was an insurance that the water supply would be safeguarded for the Chippawa Development?

A: Yes, and without the necessity of approaching the United States to have that treaty revised.

CHAIRMAN: We understand that developments are taking place on the American side which will make it necessary for them to take more water.

A:

In regard to that, if those negotiations take place with the United States asking for them we will get a fair deal. On the other hand if Canada were put in a position where she was forced to go and bargain we could not expect to get ac good a deal. I may be wrong about it, but I have felt that you can't rely upon any change in that treaty until it actually takes place.

R.A. ROSS: Wants it will come when the U.S.

A: Yes, and they are beginning to want it, and if the initiative comes from the U.S. we will get a fair deal for the United States have claimed that we got far more than we ought.

J.A. ROSS: That is the big point you put down in regard to the purchase of the Power plants:

A:

Yes, and by purchasing these plants you have a chance to get this assurance of water supply with the added prospect of taking over these plants on a basis where they will be self-sustaining.

MR. GUILFOYLE: There is no doubt they are beging for power over there now.

CHAIRMAN: They are claiming the right to take 20% more...

A: Yes, they are claiming this swing. But apart from this phase of the situation you had the public demand and the public clamor to get this McKenzie situation cleaned up. It was not over at the time the negotiations began. This agitation has been on for 15 years.

MR. HANEY: I am interested in knowing the exact amount of this "Clean-up" that the H.E.P.C. become trustees for.

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MR. HANEY: Does the City of Toronto take over these properties in fee simple?

Yes. After we had got on with this transaction to a certain extent we found a long list of securities behind this \$13,000,000 of debentures of the Toronto Power Co. and those securities in the hands of the British Empire Trust Co. absolutely blocked for any possibility of giving a tatle to the T.P. Co.

That is why we had to revamp the whole situation. All those original securities were to be given up to the Hydro and in their stead the Hydro debentures guaranteed by the Province were given. That left it in a position where the securities of these different plants were free. Only one thing remained and that was a lien on the Toronto Electric Light Co. property, \$1,500,000. and the City of Toronto will have that encumbrance in the equity, but I told the Mayor I did not think they would have any risk in the world.

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CHAIRMAN: What is the liability of the Province in connection with this?

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A: The Province guarantees \$13,500,000 debentures, guarantees \$698,000, and \$2,375,000 radial debentures.

CHAIRMAN: What justification has the Province to come in and do this when it is so largely a municipal undertaking?

A: There is no justification in the Power Commission Act at all. It is a question of public policy.

J.A. ROSS: What part did the Ontario Government guarantee?

A: The \$13,500,000 debentures of the Hydro which were put into the British Empire Trust Co. to release these Toronto Power Co. debentures.

CHAIRMAN: It will be asked by those taxpayers of the Province who are not Hydro users "Why should I have to guarantee this?"

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MR. HANEY: Of course that is what the Federal Government do in guaranteeing steam railways.

MR. HARRIS: While the Province of Ontario has guaranteed these securities all of them have to be paid by the municipalities on the Niagara System so it goes back to the municipalities eventually.

A: Yes. I have told the Government twice that there ought to be some of the Hydro Act to clean up and straighten out and make absolutely certain that the municipalities are liable, as in the case like the Ontario Power Co. where they buy shares and issue debentures in a hurry and sections are clamped into the act. Kilmer's opinion is that there is no doubt that the municipalities are liable for the Hydro purchase for them as trustees.

CHAIRMAN: Has Kilmer given you a written opinion on that?

A: No, I have never asked him for one. I was authorized to discuss these and it has come from our conversation across the table.

CHAIRMAN: Have you given him a report to clarify his opinion?

A:

Yes, I think last March. I distinctly said in

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- 1920 that this thing should be cleaned up.
- CHAIRMAN: Did you give any particular points to be cleaned up?
 - A: No, only in that one particular. Generally, prior to each session it was the custom for the Government to discuss and to clean up uncertainties in the Act but this was not done last year.
- CHAIRMAN: I think it may be as well for us to have your statement as to what ought to be cleaned up.
 - A: Yes. I think that is an important thing.
- HANRY: But there might be the necessity for other amendments to cover conditions where they may have to sell power below cost and it should be done legally.
 - A: It has to be done legally or I must report it. There was no use crossing that bridge until coming to it. It is a question of determining your policy.
- CHAIRMAN: Have you thought of what should be done to bridge over the period?
 - A: In a general way, yes. It is this: If there is a deficit, after charging a reasonable price for power that this deficit ought to be carried forward (subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council) for the first 2, 3, or 5 years--it may be even 10 years. If you were to charge full cost of Chippawa power you might have to ask \$25 or \$30, or more, which would be so heavy as to absolutely nullify what you were trying to accomplish. My idea was to charge a price of say \$15, or \$17 or even \$20.-whatever you felt to be reasonable--then you could carry forward the resultant deficit. Say this is \$1,000,000 You carry that forward for a period which may be found necessary, -5 years or more-until you get the maximum of the production of your canal and then if you are charging \$15, \$17 or \$20 you arrive at a point where your revanue is greater than your expenses, then you can pick up and pay off this accumulated deficit.
 - Mr. Clarkson declined to prophesy as to when a certain fixed price for power would begin to break even, saying that it was no part of the office of an accountant to prophesy.
- CHAIRMAN: Time and time again Sir Adam Beck has said that the Province does not run any liability by giving this guarantee, that the Hydro has always paid its way. It is now up against it. Chippawa and Nipigon are new developments. For the time being it will have a great effect on the finances of the Province.

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A. The Province may have to provide funds to adjust these matters.

The Chairman protested that Toronto is getting power at a very low rate and if the Hydro charged this City more they would have a greater amount to return to the Government. The people outside of Toronto asky why they should shoulder this burden for the sake of Toronto.

Mr. Clarkson believed that Toronto citizens more than made up for that in taxes. And then the Government are doing something for lines in rural municipalities.

- Mr. Harris: The whole point is that this is the biggest asset we have had in the Province, and if by bad management, engineering or anything else the thing has been handled in such a way that the cost of power will be so great that the people cannot use it, it is up to us to show this thing up. We can't do that until we get all the facts before us. That we are working on now.
- CHA PMAN: If the Hydro had gone to the Government and told them frankly what it would lead to they could not have gotten the money.
- MR. WEGENAST: You have to consider this in the light of Sir Adam Beck's statement that he would be glad to see the Government eliminated from the scheme altogether.
- MR. HARRIS: No private company could have developed Chippswa without the Government behind them.
- CHAIRMAN: What part of the interest will be charged to operations on the Chippawa Development?
 - A. That must be made a matter of argument and discussion. Part of the plant is operating and part under construction.
- CHAIRMAN: Have you ever considered whether there will be a market for the power with the Ontario Power Co., the Electrical Development and the Chippawa in full operation at the same time?

A. No.

- MR. R. A. ROSS: The increase in this province has been 150,000 h.p. a year so that will mean 5 years, -- one generating unit a year.
- CHAIRMAN: Are they using the full amount of power developed from these two plants and the two units at Queenston?
- MR. R.A. ROSS: Yes. They have a market for all the power from the O.P. and E.D. plants and also for 3 units of the Queenston-Chippawa. They were taking 50,000 hlp. from the Canadian Niagara up to at least a few weeks ago.

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MR. R.A.ROSS: That will be fully taken in 10 years.

CHAIRMAN: Any danger of a decrease?

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CHAIRMAN: I think there has been too little of open and frank discussion. Have they gone to the Government regarding the Nipigon deficit; have they conferred with the Government and asked for advice?

A. I don't think they have.

It was asked whether the Clean-up was signed.

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